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Xavier mourns losses of Miller, Rethy

GSC director remembered fondly

BY JOHN LAFOLLETTE
Editor-in-Chief

The Xavier community lost a beloved mainstay over the summer, as Gallagher Student Center director Jim Miller died suddenly on July 28.

He was 50 years old.

Miller had been with Xavier since 1983, when he worked as a graduate assistant in the Student Development Office. He would go on to become the director of the GSC, and was also an adviser to the student senate.

Friends and co-workers at the GSC remembered him fondly.

"In the over 21 years that I worked with Jim it was obvious his dedication to the students," said Lynda Simon of the Division of Student Life and Leadership.

"He had a special gift of including students who were not in the mainstream and making them a part of his space."

"He was a true friend and great mentor to all students, who always gave his time willingly and cheerfully," she added.

"I will always remember Jim's desire and care for the students at the university," said Tom Barlow, director of auxiliary services.



Photo courtesy of Lynda Simon

Two boxes in the Gallagher Student Center have been set up for the Xavier community to share memories and thoughts with the family of Jim Miller (shown above in the GSC).

"Jim had this intrinsic ability to really work with the students and make them develop as a whole person," he said.

Joanie Wiedener, the resource assistant to the Student Government Association, remembers Miller for his laughter.

"Jim had a dry sense of humor and lunch with him guaranteed lots of laughs," Wiedener said. "When something funny hit

him, his head would fall back and a loud bark would come pouring out. I would give anything to hear that sound again."

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Bellarmine Chapel on Aug. 2, preceded immediately by a memorial slideshow.

James W. Miller is survived by his wife, Nancy, his daughters, Elizabeth and Kate Miller, and his brothers Bob and Dan.

Rethy's death an "irreplaceable loss"

Dr. Robert Rethy, professor of philosophy, died on July 5 from complications from a heart attack he suffered in April. He was 59 years old.

Rethy had been comatose since Friday, April 11, after he suffered a coronary.

According to colleague Dr. Timothy Quinn of the Philosophy Department, Dr. Rethy "was one of the most highly-esteemed professors in our department – easily."

"The university itself has suffered a terrible and irreplaceable loss. He left a powerful, powerful impression on everyone," Quinn said.

Others in the department agreed.

"Dr. Rethy was a well-rounded person, with a full family and religious life and a lively interest in politics and culture," said Dr. Richard Polt, the department's chair.

"Like his favorite philosopher, G.W.F. Hegel, he had a keen eye for the flaws and contradictions in ideas—and also in people."

"However, he was never bitter or cynical; his criticisms were



Photo courtesy enquirer.com

Dr. Robert Rethy was remembered as a complex man of integrity.

always constructive," Polt said.

Dr. Daniel Dwyer, another department colleague, remembers Dr. Rethy's life and career was defined by integrity, decency, and principle.

"He was a tough guy to get into an argument with, and I mean that as a compliment," Dwyer said.

"He helped form younger members of the department, myself included," said Dwyer.

A memorial service for Rethy was held on July 7 in the Conaton Board Room in Schmidt Hall.

Burial was at United Jewish Cemetery in Clifton.

Dr. Robert A. Rethy is survived by his wife, Sonja, and children, Isaac, Leah, and Alisa Rethy.

For some students, summer means serving others

BY EMILY HOFERER
Managing Editor

Summer internships may entail a mindless job in some poorly decorated cubicle doing unfulfilling busywork for a boss that may never be seen.

But this summer, and for the past 14 summers, Xavier students have been participating in something a little different: the Summer Service Internship program.

This year, 20 Xavier students worked at 20 different sites around the Greater Cincinnati area for 30-40 hours a week.

No two sites are exactly alike and only one intern worked at each site.

This way, as explained by senior Matthew Mellon, the Summer Service student coordinator, each intern could bring something important to group discussions and reflections.



Photo courtesy of Matthew Mellon

The 20 Summer Service Interns, plus Matthew Mellon (far left, standing) pose at the Kennedy Center.

The interns worked at various sites all over Cincinnati that dealt with issues such as living assistance and people with disabilities.

Notably, interns worked at two new sites this past summer, the Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the Ohio Justice and Policy Center.

This year's program differed from ones in years past in small, but significant ways.

"This year had more diverse

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Campus expansion continuing

Houses on Ledgewood set for demolition, Brockman Hall renovated

BY KATHRYN ROSENBAUM
News Editor

Xavier University is continuing to make campus improvements through renovations of residential buildings and preparation for construction of the James E. Hoff Academic Quadrangle and Xavier Square.

Brockman Hall, the residence hall for first-year students, underwent a major \$1.7 million renovation this summer. Outside of Brockman, there is a new ramp that is accessible for people with a handicap. There is also an elevator, motor-operated doors and enlarged bathroom stalls.

The building now contains a new ventilation system, which will improve air quality as well as save energy. A new fire alarm system with sprinklers and a PA system was also installed to improve safety in Brockman, said Director for Public Relations Debora Del Valle.

Other changes include new carpeting, paint and furniture, although new desks have yet to arrive.

Thirty of the Village apartments were also updated this summer and received new carpeting and renovated kitchens and bathrooms.

Many of the houses along Ledgewood Avenue were vacated and fenced off this summer in preparation for demolition that should occur in the next couple of weeks, said Del Valle.

Before demolition could occur, the land had to pass an environmental abatement.



Newswire photo by Erika Bresee

The houses on Ledgewood Avenue were vacated and will be demolished in the coming weeks to make room for the James E. Hoff Academic Quadrangle.

The Wooden Nickel, a store in Cincinnati which specializes in architectural salvages, also recovered doors, cupboard and Rookwood pottery tiles to be resold from the houses.

Once demolition of these houses and the Cincinnati Bell building on Dana Avenue occurs, it will take weeks to clear the land. Messer, the company in charge of construction, will recover recycled materials from the debris. About 75 percent of the debris is expected to be recycled said Del Valle.

After the debris is cleared, Xavier will host a ground breaking ceremony for the Hoff Academic Quad on Friday, Sept.

26 for all Xavier faculty, staff and students to attend.

As plans currently stand, the Hoff Academic Quad and the new Williams College of Business will be completed in the summer of 2010. These buildings will form a predominant entryway to Xavier at the corner of Dana and Ledgewood Avenues.

Final sketches for the buildings were approved this summer.

Plans for Xavier Square, which will feature restaurants, housing for both students and community members, retail locations and a hotel are in development.

Xavier owns the land, but Corporex is in charge of development. They are currently cre-

ating designs, finding interested businesses and working with both Cincinnati and Norwood regarding zoning and traffic studies.

The Zumbiel Packaging plant and a few houses along the south side of Cleaneay Avenue have been demolished in preparation for Xavier Square.

The H&H Grill will be demolished in the coming months and after this school year, remaining houses on Cleaneay Avenue will be torn down.

An exact date for the groundbreaking of Xavier Square has not been set, but it will not occur before spring 2009, said Del Valle.

POLICE NOTES

June 2008—Two ceiling video projectors, valued approximately between \$2,000 to \$3,000 each, were stolen from classrooms in Alter Hall. Suspects attempted to steal a third projector from Hailstones.

June 10—A non-student sitting in the dark in a classroom in Logan Hall was cited for unauthorized use of a computer, issued a trespass warning and sent off campus.

June 12—A student reported his or her Toyota Sienna van stolen from the South campus lot.

June 18—Officers on patrol discovered that six vacant houses owned by Xavier were broken into and several items were stolen including copper piping and appliances.

June 21—Norwood Police arrested a student for trespassing who was found intoxicated and sleeping in a hallway in an apartment building in the 1900 block of Cleaneay Avenue.

June 26—A disabled motorist in the Manor House parking lot was arrested for several felony, misdemeanor and traffic violation warrants.

July 2—Two juveniles were arrested for trespassing in Gallagher. The two subjects had been warned on two previous occasions to stay off campus.

July 10—Two employees reported the theft of gasoline from vehicles parked in the Husman lot.

July 15—Campus Police arrested two subjects attempting to break in and strip items from another vacant university-owned residence on Ledgewood Avenue.

July 17—An alumnus who crashed his or her vehicle on the academic mall causing substantial damage was arrested for leaving the scene of an accident and making false police reports. There was possible severe damage done to the pavers on the mall.

July 29—An intern staying in the Village reported the theft of a catalytic converter from his or her vehicle.

Aug. 9—An employee reported the attempted theft of a catalytic converter in the Woodburn lot. Campus Police reminds everyone to report any suspicious activity in the parking lots.

Aug. 23—Three students were arrested by Norwood Police at approximately 11p.m. for breaking into the old H&H grill on Montgomery Road.



NOTE OF THE SUMMER

July 14—Campus Police and Physical Plant assisted 18 people stuck in an elevator in Kuhlman Hall. The people were extricated and the elevator was put out of service.



Campus Police would like to remind students, faculty and staff that there is no parking on Ledgewood Avenue on either side of the road from Dana to Herald Avenues (by the chapel). This is due to major construction to take place including demolitions, new buildings, new roads, etc. This will most likely be a permanent ordinance.

For some students, summer means serving others

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group of students, people new to service included,” said Mellon.

Kimberlie Goldsberry, the executive director of student involvement, who has coordinated SSI for the past eight years, echoed Mellon’s statement.

She said that they had a variety of students with service backgrounds. Some, including Mellon, had gone on Academic Service Learning Semesters while, for others, this was their first experience with direct service.

The original intent of the program was a partnership between the university and United Way of Greater Cincinnati. They realized that some college students cannot spend an entire summer doing service and making no money to support themselves.

“They wanted to create opportunities for financial needs and become immersed in service environment,” said Goldsberry.

Therefore, the Summer Service Internship is a grant-funded program. Xavier receives a number of grants from private organizations around Cincinnati. “Internships, for me, have always been about education,” said Goldsberry. “In this program, service is a tool for their learning.”

Both Mellon and junior Molly Rehak, who worked as an intern in the Drop-in Center in Over-the-Rhine, were firm on their stance that the summer service internship is not a job. It’s not just service either. “It’s a critical look at an organization and its mission,” said Mellon.

“It’s hard to be challenged in beliefs during what is supposedly my free time,” said Rehak. But she stresses how much she was challenged and changed by her service site. “Change can be burdensome, but very fulfilling.”

Mellon said that the program represented a portion of Xavier students fulfilling part of the university’s mission to the outside community.

He added that this extension of the Xavier community was, overall, well-received by others. The supervisors that he communicated with had very positive things to say about their Xavier interns.

“To the community, we represented one of the best parts of Xavier,” said Rehak. “This program represents one of the best parts of Xavier to us.”

In addition to working at their sites, the interns lived and socialized together in Husman Hall.

Next year the Summer Service Internship program will move from the Department of Student Involvement to Peace and Justice, which has a new Associate Director, Angela Gray.

Xavier student attends Olympic games

BY MEGHAN BERNEKING
Assistant Campus News Editor

Most college students spend their summers working in restaurants, going on road trips with friends and family or taking summer classes, but one lucky Xavier student spent the waning days of summer break experiencing in person the biggest international athletic event of the year.

Senior business major Andrew Fenton took the summer trip of a lifetime on Aug. 7-13 to the Beijing Olympic Games.

After working as an intern in Hong Kong for the summer, Fenton and his family traveled to China. His father, who works for McDonald's (a major sponsor of the Olympic Games), bought tickets as a "belated Christmas present." Tickets were scarce, going first to the athletes' families and government officials before a limited amount were released to the general public.

Upon arriving, tourists and spectators were hit with several

strict security measures. "Part of that is because it was the Olympics, but also because it's communist China," says Fenton. Spectators were required to wear an identification badge at all times, and there were periodic security checks throughout the whole city.

Fenton relayed that despite the tight security, the volunteers were all very friendly.

"The sense of national pride was really apparent," he says.

As for the physical atmosphere, "I did not see one person wearing a mask," said Fenton. Due to poor air quality in Beijing, there was speculation regarding how it would affect the performance of the athletes.

"The first couple of days, the pollution was really bad," says Fenton. "After a full day of walking you could feel it in your lungs." But he also says that the "odd-even" days helped, meaning cars with license plate numbers ending in odd numbers drive one day, and those ending



Photo courtesy Andrew Fenton

Xavier Student Andrew Fenton watches the Olympic games in Beijing's "Water Cube."

with even numbers are permitted to drive the next day.

Fenton's Olympic experience began with the spectacular opening ceremonies and later included men's and women's sand volleyball, men's and women's swimming, women's basketball, and women's team gymnastics. Most tickets were good for a four hour session, so spectators were able to see several different matches or races.

One of Fenton's most memorable moments was watching

Michael Phelps win the Men's 400 meter individual medley and the first of his eight gold medals.

"It was really exciting getting to see his first race." Sitting nearby at the Water Cube was retired runner Carl Lewis, with whom Fenton spoke. He says Lewis was especially excited watching Phelps race.

"He's an Olympic legend, but he was blown away by Phelps."

Fenton maintains that swimming and the opening ceremony

were by far the most exciting things he witnessed.

"It was unbelievable all the stuff that they did," Fenton states.

Besides Lewis, there were many famous faces during the games. Fenton saw Kobe Bryant at a McDonald's in the Olympic Village.

"He had a tray full of Big Macs, a double cheeseburger, and tons of fries. It was good to see our athletes were eating healthy."

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here's to a fun and successful new school year!

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEBN Fireworks

Sunday, August 31st

Buses leave from Buenger circle @ 7:30

Don't miss out on the
best fireworks show of the
year!

Late Night Snack

September 18th @ 9 PM
Free Chipotle Burritos
Arrive early...they go fast!

**Club Day
on the Mall**

Sponsored by SGA

Monday, September 8th, 2008
Come learn how to get involved at XU!

Come see us!
SAC Meetings Wednesdays @ 3
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EDITORIAL | CONSTRUCTION

Are we placeholder classes?

A fenced-in campus.
Depleted (see: non-existent) parking on Ledgewood.
A closed Dana Connector.
Fuzzy forecasts for ground breaking, let alone grand opening, dates.
Desk-less rooms in Brockman.
All this comes a year after Xavier witnessed chaos in the McDonald Library during its renovation, and waited patiently for a demolition of the Zumbiel Plant that came some five months later than planned.
Put plainly, the class of 2012 is in for an interesting four years. It should brace itself for shortcomings and setbacks that will come with valid, if convoluted and predictably overdue explanations.
That said, it looks like there is light at the end of the tunnel. It is almost certain that one class, somewhere in the future, will inherit a gem of a college campus.
It will be beautiful, functional, fence-free and attractive to some of the best and brightest minds in the Midwest (like it was 18 months ago).
Xavier will be like Notre Dame, but without a football team, and we will all see the values of our degrees (and the costs of getting them) go through the roof.
Until that date, somewhere in the future, these placeholder classes will have to sit tight and fly right, pay their oft-increasing dues, and wait.

EDITORIAL | COLLEGE

Balanced your time yet?

Hello, Freshmen. It's *the Newswire* again. Here with even more helpful advice.
And while we hate to harp on balancing your time, we wouldn't waste your time if we didn't know how important it is (see our Editorial on construction).
It's Wednesday.
You've had most of your first classes and blown unheard of amounts of money on textbooks. You've met people. You've made friends. You've had a weekend.
You've also experienced the temptation to completely blow off everything and have The Greatest Time Ever.
You can see how quickly the time passes when you're having fun. You can see how easy it is to get caught up in the rush of having new friends, going out to eat, going bowling, going to movies, just hanging around on campus. It's easy to forget that our ultimate goal here is to walk across that stage and accept a diploma from an ever-friendly Fr. Graham.
But here's where it's most difficult: We have to learn how to balance our time. Even worse than spending all of your days as a socialite and not doing any work, is constantly doing work and never having any fun outside of it.
The best way to maintain a decent balance is to make a schedule, which we highly recommend you put together.
And even if you don't, figure out the right balance between work and play, before you play too much and lose the opportunity to work. Because people do flunk out, every now and then.

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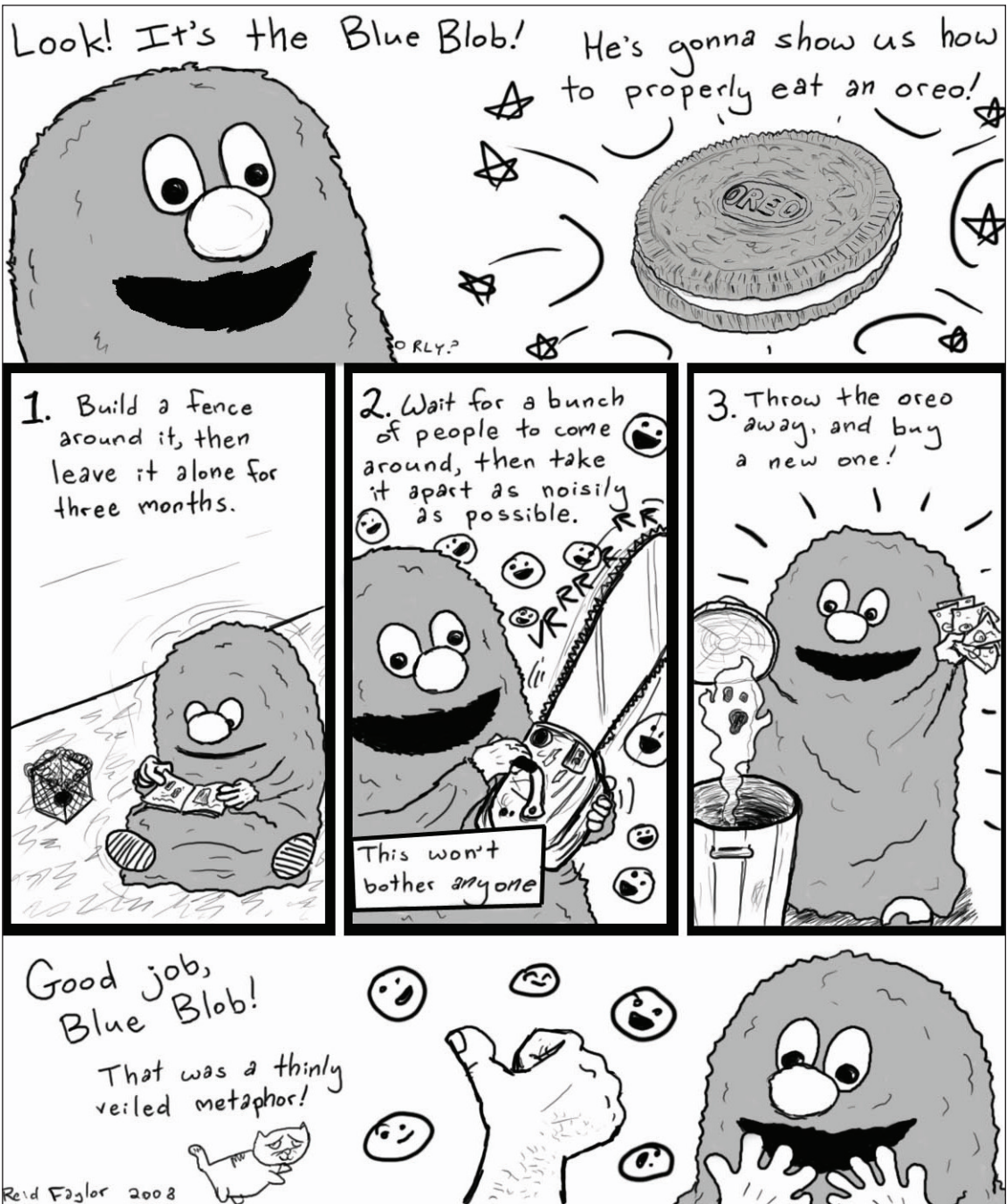
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Here in this section, we will print letters from non-*Newswire* staff members.
If you have an idea for an improvement on campus, wish to voice a complaint or raise your fellow students' attention to a global, national or local issue, write into *the Newswire* and we will likely publish your piece here.
If you want to blast *the Newswire*, go right ahead. We'll print criticism, just to show our commitment to the free expression of ideas. But that's not to say we're inviting that criticism...
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• Please, no poetry. There are other outlets on campus for creative writing.

No letters this week makes Darren sad. It also makes him think that...

You're cool with not parking on Ledgewood.
You don't care that the construction's at a standstill.
The fact that the bookstore is out of books for your classes doesn't bother you.

OR you lost his email address. Which is probably the case.

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—MALL TALK—

with Darren LaCour and Katherine Monasterio

“How did you spend your summer vacation?”



Tiffany Tucker
Class of '12

“Working, and then shopping in St. Louis.”



Rebecca Santho
Class of '09

“I went to Greece, which was basically amazing.”



Patrick Albaugh
Class of '10

“I did a bunch of nothing and got paid for it.”



Ashley Taylor
Class of '11

“Wisely.”



Brittney Neidig
Class of '09

“Swimming in Graeter’s ice cream.”



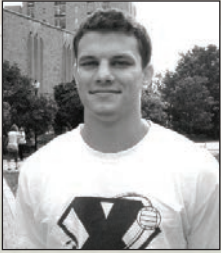
Austin Muller
Class of '11

“It was a good mix of work and play.”



Amber La Shae
Pettaway
Class of '09

“Changing one child’s life at a time.”



Mike Danneman
Class of '10

“I did molecular biological research at UC.”

Xavier, I missed you

BY KATHERINE MONASTERIO
Asst. Opinions & Editorials Editor

Xavier University, I have missed you so.

I spent the last three months pining for (almost) everything about you, even during the best parts of my summer break.

How did I miss you? Let me count the ways...

I missed dorm life.

I missed, upon the sudden urge to be social, taking a few steps out of my own door in order to be so.

At home, a few steps gets me into the living room—with Mom and Dad and Turner Classic Movies. Amusing sometimes, but they definitely aren’t my Xavier buddies.

I missed doing homework with my friends.

And settling down in my own room to study.

And fun RA events.

And being an elevator ride away from vending machines.

I also missed classes.

No, really.

During the summer, we work. Or we laze about. It’s the same thing, day in and day out, even at the most fun job.

In class, we actually learn things. Our brains have to work. We have to solve problems. We study for tests and write never-ending papers. It’s challenging.

It’s so satisfying to sit back at the end of a long, tiring project and be proud of your work. Or at least completely relieved it’s over.

Three weeks from now I’m going to be regretting every word up there about enjoying classes and the integrity of doing good work, but this summer, I sure missed it.

I missed the weekends. Trips to IHOP and Steak’n Shake in the wee hours of the morning, late night movies, sleeping until noon the next day, brunch in the caf.

Good grief, brunch. How I missed it. I am grief-stricken to be without a meal plan this year, but you can bet your Belgian waffles I’ll be in there a few times this semester just for brunch.

I missed the sand volleyball courts. My friends and I (you know you’ve done this too) would go out there at midnight on a Thursday, knowing we had too much work and we couldn’t spare the time.

I missed the cold sand between my toes and the hilarity of our skill level and the hail of curses that often followed the volleyball as it flew over the fence and disappeared into the ravine.

I missed the campus, and just walking around it between errands or class.

I missed it in the snow, too, especially that big blizzard last year with the knee-deep drifts and the snowballs the size of dinner plates.

The Christmas season at Xavier is equally brilliant, with the lights around the lampposts and outside Gallagher.

I missed the warmer months, when the greenspace would crowd with people doing homework, eating dinner, playing football or tanning, of course. Or when all the trees would blossom in the spring and turn orange in the fall. Our campus is gorgeous. I missed it.

I even missed Cincinnati itself. It’s truly, genuinely a fun city, especially compared to my own less-than-thrilling hometown. It’s a big city that’s still pretty small.

There’s a considerable amount of culture and so much to do.

We have museums, parks, farmer’s markets, clubs, night life, political drama (City Council elections, PPPers?), good eating, good shopping, adorable neighborhoods.

I’m so glad to be back to explore even more.

I missed Xavier. Sure, now I miss my friends back in Akron, and my family. And my miniature poodle.

Sure, next time around I’ll probably be complaining about something, criticizing something else, or causing a general kerfuffle.

But for now, I am so relieved to be back in this wonderful magical land I can call home for another few years.

Fresh tips for freshmen

BY MFREKE AKPANINYIE
Editorial Columnist

Welcome back to campus upperclassmen! Class of 2012, welcome to your first week! I know there are many different feelings about the beginning of a new school year. Some people get nervous or worried about what the first couple of days are going to be like, while others—like me—get excited, embracing the situation of starting a new year.

A new school year gives you the opportunity to forget about the past and start anew. You can meet new students and professors, and your beliefs are challenged as you learn new concepts.

Freshmen (or the Manresa-friendly “first year students”), you are going through a very interesting but unique transition. College is, of course, nothing

like high school. There’s more freedom and independence compared to when you were living at home. Don’t get worried or scared about your first year of college. It may be different and strange at first, but as time goes by it becomes normal.

As school begins, don’t forget to relax and just go with the flow. To help with this process, here are a few tips to remember during your first semester. (These tips don’t just apply to freshmen; upperclassmen can use them too.)

First, get involved with things on and off campus. College is not all about doing well in class and studying 24/7. Yes, those things are important, but to enjoy college to its fullest, you need to put yourself out there. There are many different clubs and organizations ranging from student government to theater. There

are intramurals and club sports. There are clubs that specialize in service and volunteering. I guarantee that there’s a club or two that sparks one of your interests. Clubs allow you to meet new people and try new things.

Second, stay in contact with your friends and family while you are here. Most of you are away from your loved ones and may get caught up in the college experience, forgetting to keep in contact. Just a phone call or quick text means a lot.

Finally, set some goals that you want to achieve this semester. Write them down and keep them with you as the semester goes on. They can be things as small as not eating too many desserts in the caf or as big as making the Dean’s List. Whatever you decide, try to keep up with it. But most of all, relax and have a good semester!

SO IT GOES by Matt Kroeger



BRIEFS

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Men's basketball releases schedule



photo courtesy Xavier Athletic Department

Xavier University has designed several new logos for the school. Among them are D'Artanian (above) and a word mark that can be seen on the new Cintas Center floor.

The 2008-09 Xavier men's basketball schedule, released on Tuesday Aug. 26, was marked by several notable games.

The season gets underway on Friday, Nov. 14 with a home matchup with Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne.

The Annual Skyline Chili Crosstown Shootout will take place on Saturday, Dec. 13 at Fifth-Third Arena on the campus of the University of Cincinnati.

After a week of exams at Xavier, students will get a reprieve a week later when the Musketeers take on Duke at the Izod Center in the Meadowlands, N.J. on Saturday, Dec. 20.

XU athletics busy during summer months

BY SCOTT MUELLER
Asst. Sports Editor

Despite having no official practices, the summer was full of activity for Xavier athletics.

In the Deveroes Summer League, a summer basketball league for college and professional players in Cincinnati, Derrick Brown won the league MVP award despite the fact that his team was upset in the final game. Almost all of Xavier's roster participated in the tournament, including returning starters C.J. Anderson and B.J. Raymond and incoming freshmen Kenny Frease, Terrell Holloway, and Mark Lyons.

This year Xavier will participate in the O'Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off. This tournament, hosted in San Juan, Puerto Rico, will feature Xavier and 2008 NCAA tournament runner-up Memphis. Xavier's first game will be on Nov. 20 against Missouri.

There will be at least one Xavier University first set during the 2008-09 basketball season. On Dec. 20, Xavier will challenge the Duke Blue Devils, in the first nationally televised regular season game in school history. The game will be at the Izod Center in the Meadowlands, N. J.

Xavier will, however, be without one of their more frequently used bench players from last year, as Adrion Graves asked for and received his release from the program on Aug. 15.



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Adrion Graves decided to transfer out of Xavier over the summer. Graves is exploring Toledo, Bowling Green and Detroit as possible destinations.

Last season, Graves played in 34 of the 37 games and averaged two points per game for the Musketeers. After seeking his release, Graves sought other division one schools in the Midwest as possible transfer sites and has narrowed his choices down to Toledo, Bowling Green, and Detroit.

The first chance to see the 2008-09 men's and women's teams in action will be at the Blue/White Tip-Off scrimmage on Oct. 24.

Men's soccer also had a productive off-season. Xavier inked four outstanding recruits in

Jimmy Meglio (D/MF), Chesley Farmer (D/MF), Justin Jarvis (D) and Brendan Rogers (D/MF). Meglio, from Scottsdale, Ariz., was ranked ninth nationally by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America.

Farmer, from Dallas, Texas, played at the varsity level all four years of high school and captained the team his junior and senior years. He was named the 2007 Defensive Player of the Year in Texas' district 9-5A.

Jarvis captained his high school team for three years. Additionally, he played for the Dallas, Texas 90 Red soccer club,

ranked No. 1 in the country. Jarvis was named the Pre-season A-10 All-Rookie center back.

Rogers, from Commerce, Mich., played varsity for four years at Walled Lake Northern High School and was named to the 2007 All-State second team. Head coach Dave Schureck said of Rogers, "He has all the tools to be an excellent defender here at Xavier. We expect nothing less."

After victories in both of their pre-season exhibition games over Rio Grande and Oakland, Xavier looks to begin the regular season with a victory over cross-town rival Cincinnati on Friday, Aug. 29.

Xavier baseball also made some headlines during the summer. Left-handed pitcher Charlie Leesman was taken in the 11th round of the 2008 baseball draft by the Chicago White Sox. He was the 330th overall pick in the draft. In his debut with the Bristol Sox on Aug. 18, he threw two innings and struck out three. Along with Leesman, pitcher Michael Lucas and catcher Dan Hayden also joined the White Sox minor league system.

Xavier athletes also enjoyed some success outside the world of sports. On June 18 it was announced that 65 Xavier athletes were named to the Atlantic 10 Commissioner's Honor Roll for last semester, honoring student-athletes with a GPA of 3.5 or better for the semester.

Olympics offer glimpses of what could be for some

BY DOUG TIFFT
Sports Editor

With all the Olympic talk about how the Games will represent a change signifying the tipping point towards a new generation of Chinese culture, the signs of change that the events themselves signified seemed to have been strangely overlooked.

The Beijing Games offered a showcase for athletes to make debuts onto the world stage, advance their sport or herald a bright future for their country.

The most notable Olympian in Beijing was Michael Phelps, who won eight gold medals in Beijing. Phelps was the face of the Olympics, and his 17 races in Beijing brought in record ratings for NBC. Phelps became the most talked about man in America for a two week period while competing in a sport that is largely ignored and scarcely competed in.

Phelps' success seems to have planted the seed for swimming interest in the American mindset, as Phelps' hometown pool, the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, saw a dramatic rise in youth swimmers in the last few weeks, along with many other pools around the country. Phelps himself plans to become involved with running the pool and will



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Michael Phelps took home a record eight gold medals from Beijing, but the impact of his success on his sport may be an even more impressive feat in the long run.

likely remain a national celebrity through the 2012 Games in London. Such a figure will give rise to a fledgling sport, and make swimming a viable option in the minds of youths searching for a sport.

If Phelps was the most notable Olympian in Beijing, the title of the flashiest Olympian undoubtedly went to Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt. Despite becoming famous for celebrating prior to the finish line in his 100 meter race, Bolt still was able to collect three gold medals in Beijing, and set three world records.

Bolt's success signifies something perhaps slightly greater than the surface of his obviously exceptional athletic gifts. Bolt and the other 57 Olympians from Jamaica represent a siz-

able portion of the 2,804,332 residents of the island, especially when compared to other Olympic nations. The small nation is not exceptionally wealthy either, placing 114th in the world in per capita income.

For a nation with such a cultural outlook, having a national success story like Bolt to rally around and aspire to is invaluable to the national psyche. Bolt, and his other sprinting standouts, may lead the way into improving the quality of life and mindset of the Jamaican people.

The American baseball team picked up a bronze medal in Beijing, as they were led by 20-year-old righthander Steven Strasburg. Strasburg will be a junior this year at San Diego State University and compete as

the top collegiate baseball player under the guidance of Hall of Fame outfielder Tony Gwynn.

Strasburg's impressive performances in China, including seven scoreless innings with 11 strikeouts against the Netherlands, has Major League baseball's cellar dwellers jockeying for the worst record in baseball, and the rights to the first overall pick.

While Strasburg offered a more tangible definition of the future, the American Olympic Basketball team's effect on the 2008 Games might not be fully understood for a few decades. The Americans may provide a spark to the popularity of basketball in the Far East in a similar way to how the 'Dream Team' popularized the game in Europe after the 1992 Barcelona

Olympics.

The difference between the two situations is that the Chinese market is already extremely receptive to the American game, and in fact takes in a great deal of NBA basketball already.

During the 2006-07 NBA season 34 million Chinese, a large percentage of which came from the critical youth demographic, watched NBA games each week in China.

Recently 1,000 Chinese lined up outside of a new NBA Store in Beijing, likely with the intent of buying the jerseys of famous American players as the sales of LeBron James, Dwayne Wade, and even Tracy McGrady far surpass the sales of McGrady's Houston Rocket teammate and native of Shanghai, China, Yao Ming.

China is proving to be the breeding ground of the next generation of professional basketball, and the Beijing Olympics, with the American Basketball team at the fore, may be the tipping point for that change.

The Beijing Olympics may be remembered for years to come as China's coming out party, but the ramifications of the Games for some of the main cast of characters may represent changes on a smaller scale in the future.

Players embark on ambitious season

By Nora Heink
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Get ready to see sibling rivalry, Scottish lords, role reversals and colorful puppets come to life in the Gallagher Student Center Theatre.

Xavier Players has unveiled its 2008-09 season, which includes a family-friendly musical adventure, whimsical fairy tales and hilarious sketch comedy with a Shakespearean tragedy and a challenging, contemporary drama thrown in the mix.

The Main Stage series will feature two huge stage productions. The season kicks off with its annual family weekend performance. Following past musical productions such as “Smokey Joe’s Cafe” and last year’s “Aida,” the Players will stage the classic Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”

A rock opera of sorts performed in different musical styles varying from calypso to country-western to pop, the show follows the Biblical story of Joseph and his many brothers along with vibrant colors and plenty of flair.



The inimitable Donny Osmond in “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.”
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“Angels in America,” Tony Kushner’s drama about homosexuality and devastation brought about by AIDS, will highlight the Players’ Spring semester.

The play involves numerous scene changes and contrasting settings to provide aspects of both realism and fantasy—not to mention the complexities surrounding the production, which addresses challenging issues against the

backdrop of the 1980s.

In addition to winning the Pulitzer Prize for Drama in 1993, the play was adapted into an opera as well as a 2003 HBO mini-series starring Al Pacino and Meryl Streep.

The Studio series will begin in the fall with a set of one-acts entitled “Power Plays.” The production is a series of comedies presenting scenarios where power roles

are altered to create a thought-provoking theater experience.

In December, the Players will team up with Madcap Puppet Theatre to present “Tales from My Grandmother’s Attic,” a collection of folk tales from around the world.

Also included in the Players’ fall lineup is an original murder-mystery comedy written by juniors Andrew Short and Newswire cartoonist Reid Faylor entitled “Return of the Lifeless Living II: The Return.”

Featuring improvisational comedy and audience interaction, the show puts together a motley group of characters surviving a zombie invasion. It is to be performed just in time for Halloween.

Shakespeare’s “Macbeth” will be staged as part of the Studio series’ spring productions. The classic tragedy known by superstitious thespians as “The Scottish Play” is a tale filled with betrayal, murder and blind ambition.

At the end of both fall and spring semesters, the Players will also provide students with a welcome dose of relief from notes and exams in the form of

“Toolbox,” an evening of sketch and improvisational comedy.

In addition to these productions, the Xavier Players will also present its annual student-run shows. “Voices for Change” will feature performance pieces written, performed and produced by students this spring.

Will this spring’s “Workshop” production top last year’s performance? The only way to find out is to attend this student-driven theatrical event which traditionally incorporates hilarious sketches and over 50 roles. Auditions for shows are open to all students and begin on Sept. 3 and 4 from 7-9 p.m. for “Joseph.” An audition workshop will be offered from 7-9 p.m. on Sept. 2.

More information is available at the box office outside the theatre on the lower level of the GSC.

As in past years, students may purchase subscriptions to one or both of the Xavier Players series. At \$9 for the Main Stage series and \$20 for the Studio series, Xavier students can enjoy live, local performances at a bargain price.

BRIEFS

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Hypnotist in Gallagher

At 9 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 29 in the GSC Theatre, hypnotist Dale K will perform a hilarious, show using volunteers from the audience. Free to Xavier students with All Card, but seats are limited to 350 people due to theatre capacity.

Xavier Reds night

Get tickets to the Aug. 29 Reds game. Tickets will be sold for \$2 from 12-3 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 27; 10 a.m.-noon on Thursday, Aug. 28; and 12-2 p.m. (while tickets last) on Friday, Aug. 29 in Gallagher. Ticket includes transportation to and from the game.

X-Games

The XU Intramural program welcomes students back from 7-9 p.m. with sand volleyball on Wednesday, Aug. 27 on the sand volleyball courts and ultimate frisbee from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 28 on the intramural fields.

Summer Movie Recap: flips, flops & more

New Releases
(the week of Aug. 25)

On DVD:
“What Happens in Vegas”
Heroes Season 2
Entourage Season 4
One Tree Hill Season 5

Books:
Devil Bones
by Kathy Reichs, Scribner
The Invisible Wall
by Harry Bernstein, Random House
Fade Away
by Harlan Coben, Dell

Albums:
All Hope is Gone, Slipknot, Roadrunner Records
Do You Believe Me Now, Jimmy Wayne Valory
Holler Back, The Lost Trailers, Bna Entertainment

By Stephanie Metz
Arts & Entertainment Editor

Ah, summer: a movie lover’s paradise! Despite the vast number of choices for movie-goers, this summer’s flicks seemed to fall into only a few categories.

Sequels
“Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull” added a long-awaited fourth installment to the Indiana Jones’ movies of the 80’s. Harrison Ford reprised his role as the intrepid archaeologist, while Shia La Beouf played his long lost son, Mutt. Although the latest film did not necessarily please critics, and in some cases fans, it did pull in over \$700 million worldwide. Fedoras, bull whips and crystal skulls, oh my!

Caped Crusaders
“Iron Man” garnered praise for Robert Downey Jr. on his most recent comeback while simultaneously launching another superhero franchise for fans to look forward to in the coming years.
“The Incredible Hulk” was a rebirth of the live-action Hulk films begun with Eric Bana in 2001.



Steve Carrell and Anne Hathaway literally save the world in “Get Smart,” . . . well almost.
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This time around, Edward Norton and Liv Tyler breathed new life into Bruce Banner and Betty Ross respectively.

“Batman: The Dark Knight” was this summer’s behemoth blockbuster, holding the record for the highest single weekend gross in movie history after its premiere, as well as the second highest U.S. gross ever. The newest edition of the Batman franchise also enjoyed critical and fan acclaim, a rare feat for summer films.

Publicity also brought to the surface memories

of Heath Leger’s sudden death last January and his lauded performance as the most recent incarnation of the Joker.

“The Dark Knight’s” current worldwide gross totals over \$800 million, but many theaters are still screening the film, so expect those numbers to go up, up, up and away.

This summer also saw untraditional heroes in the form of Will Smith’s “Hancock,” a Byronic bad-boy who cleans up his act, as well as another sequel, “Hellboy II: The Golden Army.”

Adaptations
Ranging from Broadway musicals to hit TV shows and graphic novels, movies reached far and wide for their origins and influences.
“Mamma Mia” was adapted from the hit Broadway musical based on ABBA songs. The movie, starring veteran Meryl Streep, boasts the biggest opening for a musical ever, beating last summer’s “Hairspray.”
“Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2,” followed up on its initial movie based on Ann Brashares’

hit series of books this summer. The movie featured an all-female quartet of current and past TV stars, America Ferrera from “Ugly Betty,” Blake Lively of “Gossip Girl,” Amber Tamblyn from “Joan of Arcadia” and Alexis Bledel of “Gilmore Girls.”

Moving on to another movie with four strong female leads, “Sex & the City” premiered at the beginning of the season. All four stars returned to their roles as friends living the life in Manhattan.

“Get Smart” featured the comedic stylings of Steve Carrell as Maxwell Smart and Anne Hathaway as the dangerous Agent 99. The movie capitalized on the Cold War era of the original TV series while still updating the tensions in Max and 99’s partnership.

Comedies
Unfortunately, the summer did not prove fruitful for most comedies. Both Mike Myers and Adam Sandler struck out with their personal vehicles, “The Love Guru” and “Don’t Mess with the Zohan,” respectively.



Manresa in photos

In a characteristically busy Manresa weekend, Xavier's new students were cheerfully welcomed by the Move Crew (right), worn out at Playfair (top and bottom right), wowed by Craig Karges (middle right), and—what?—by Father B. (left). Photos by Erika Bresee and Keith Klenowski.



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Looking for a nanny to care for child under 1-year in our home in Hyde Park 4-5 days per week. Hours to be discussed. Will need to provide own transportation. Personal and professional references required. Please call (513-460-0059) or email (jdv@rawdonmyers.com) if interested.

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